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Status of Construction of projects taken up by HUDCO at Andrews Ganj. HUDCO was allotted land measuring 60.69 acres by the Government for development of community centre, zonal green and general pool accommodation for Government Employees. The status of these projects is given below:

PROJECT:	Development of underground car parking. five star hotel, shopping plaza-cum-office complex, cultural centre and guest house on 17.6 acres of land.
STATUS:	12 blocks of guest houses, car Parking and plant room etc . have been constructed in the community centre and action for disposal of many of these has been taken by HUDCO. One guest house allotted to Indian Oil Corporation and the other allotted to Government of Karnataka have already started functioning. 9 guest houses which were allotted M/s MS Shoe & Co. are under litigation and further action will be taken based on the court decision. The hotel site has been allotted to M/s Leela Hotels and the Shopping complex area has been allotted to M/s Ansal Properties & Industrial Ltd. The shopping complex is under consturction.
PROJECT:	Development of Zonal green on 18 acres of land as a buffer between the community centre on the Khel Gaon Marg and the general pool quarters on Joseph Tito Marg.
STATUS:	The zonal green has already been developed and is fully functional.
PROJECT:	Construction of general pool accommodation on 25 acres of land.
STATUS:	Central Public Works Department has been entrusted to take up the construction of the remaining general pool quarter as a deposit work. An MoU has been signed between HUDCO and CPWD in this regard based on which an advance of Rs.413 crores has already been paid to CPWD. Statutory approval from various authorities is being obtained.

Ahmedabad In MEGA City project

3067. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria were adopted by Government to select Hyderabad and Bangalore cities apart from Bombay, Calcutta and Madras for Mega City Projects;

(b) the reasons as to why Ahmedabad has not been included in that project;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Gujarat to include Ahmedabad in Mega City Project; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) For the purpose of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities, Urban Agglomerations with a population of 4.00 million and above, as per 1991 census, have been treated as Mega Cities. Since Ahmedabad Urban Agglomeration does not fulfil the basic criterion of 4.00 million population as per 1991 census, the

scheme is not applicable to Ahmedabad City.

(c) and (d) A request was received from the Government of Gujarat to include Ahmedabad under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities. As already mentioned in reply to pasrts (a) and (b) above, Ahmedabad does not fulfill the basic criterion of 4.00 million population as per 1991 census and, therefore, the scheme is not applicable to Ahmedabd City.

Rally by CPWD Engineer's Association

3068. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS ND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD Engineer's Association observed mass rally and dharna and threatened strike work;

(b) if so, the details of their resentment against Government; and

(c) the measures taken for solving their long pending demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The CPWD Engineers Association and CPWD Junior Engineers Association had hold mass rally at Nirman Bhawan from 9th to 11th March, 1999.

(b) The main demands reaised by the Association were:

(i) Grant of Planning/Designing allowance to AEs and JEs; and

(ii) removal of anomaly in the pay scale of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers.

(c) The present position of these demands are as under:

(i) While the Vth Pay Commission had recomended grant of Planning Designing allowance to JEs and AEs posted in the Central Design Organisation in the Headquarters. CPWD have proposed grant of such allowances to persons deployed on planning and designing work in the divisions, circles, and zones as well, which is under consideration of the Government.

(ii) The proposal for grant of pay scale of Rs. 7,500-12,000/- to all the Assistant Engineers instead of 50% posts as recommended by the Vth Pay Commission is under consideration. The other demand for removal of the socalled anomaly in the pay scale of Junior Engineers has been considered and rejected.

Augmenting the size of NCR

3069. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is proposed to augment the size of National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi by including therein additional areas from the contiguous States of Haryana, Rajasthan and U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether concurrence of the States concerned has been obtained thereto;

(c) whether adequate precaution has been taken to develop the infrastructure including sufficient provisions for water and power in order to ensure a balance growth of the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?